

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~13~~ 24, wherein the first and second magnet means are permanent magnets.

16. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~13~~ 24, wherein the first magnet means is associated with the input drive shaft.

17. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~13~~ 24, wherein the first magnet means is associated with the output drive shaft.

18. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~14~~ 24, wherein the second magnet means is associated with the housing.

19. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~18~~ 24, wherein the second magnet means is mounted on an internal wall of the housing.

20. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~19~~
24, wherein the first magnet means defines with the second
magnet means a gap therebetween.

21. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~14~~
24, wherein the housing is subdivided by a partition into a
first part and a second part, wherein the drive element is in
the first part and the first and second magnet means.

22. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~14~~
24, wherein a position determination sensor element is
associated with at least one of input drive shaft and the output
drive shaft.

23. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~14~~
24, wherein an epicyclic transmission is connected between the
input drive shaft and the output drive shaft.

24. (currently amended) ~~A locking device according to claim 14,~~
A locking device for vehicles having drive means rotatably
mounted in a housing, said drive means comprises a drive
element, an input drive shaft, and an output drive shaft
connected to the input drive shaft, first magnet means
associated with said drive means and second magnet means,
wherein, in the event of a power ~~failure~~ cut off to the drive
element, the first magnet means acts on the second magnet means
to rotate one of the input drive shaft and the output drive
shaft to a variable and selectable safe rest position.

25. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim ~~14~~
24, wherein the drive element is selected from an electric
motor, a pneumatic drive, and a hydraulic drive.